Kamalashile Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple

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This is an ancient and serene Shakti shrine located in the heart of Kamalashile village, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District, Karnataka. Nestled on the banks of the Kubja River amidst lush Western Ghats forests and hills, it offers a tranquil, spiritually charged atmosphere.

Address: Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple, Kamalashile Post, Kundapura Taluk, Udupi District, Karnataka - 576229.

Phone Number: 08259-277221.

Website: No official independent website; managed under the Muzarai Department of Karnataka Government.

How to Get There

By Road: Well-connected via NH-66 and state roads. From Kundapura (35 km), frequent KSRTC buses and taxis. From Udupi (about 100 km) or Mangalore (120-125 km), direct buses or taxis via Kundapura.

By Train: Nearest railway station is Kundapura (35 km); taxis/autos available (45-60 min). Other options: Mangalore Junction (125 km) or Udupi.

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 120-125 km (2.5-3 hours by cab).

Best Time: October-March (cool and pleasant); avoid heavy monsoons (June-September) due to floods in the Kubja River area.

Greatness of This Temple, History and Legends

Kamalashile Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple is one of the most revered ancient Shakti shrines in coastal Karnataka, mentioned in Skanda Purana (three chapters dedicated to its glory). The Goddess is uniquely worshipped as a swayambhu Linga (self-manifested in lotus-shaped stone form – "Kamala" meaning lotus, "Shile" meaning stone), embodying the

unified powers of Mahakali (power), Mahalakshmi (wealth), and Mahasaraswati (knowledge) – a rare convergence of the Trimurti of Shakti.

Legends:

In Treta Yuga, Goddess Parvati slew demon Khararatasura (or Kamhasura) who tormented sages and beings. The demoness Kubja (hunchbacked) performed severe penance near Suparshwa Cave. Pleased, Parvati manifested as the Kamalashile Linga at the confluence of Kubja River and Naga Theertha, granting Kubja moksha (and naming the river after her).

The Linga is said to have appeared at creation itself.

Historical patronage: Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan protected and maintained the temple, leading to the unique evening Salaam Pooja (salute ritual) performed daily in their honor – a symbol of communal harmony.

Miracles: Devotees report wish-fulfillment, protection from negativity, healing, and prosperity.

The temple is under Karnataka Government's Muzarai Department.

Rebuilt in 1990 after 1968 floods; wood used: only Halasu (jackfruit) and Bhogi trees.

Architecture

The temple follows traditional coastal Karnataka style with Dravidian influences: tiled/sloping roofs, wooden carvings, spacious courtyard, and a peaceful riverside setting.

The sanctum (garbhagriha) houses the swayambhu Linga; rebuilt post-1968 floods with sturdy construction to withstand river surges.

Main Deity Here and Subdeities

Main Deity: Goddess Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari – swayambhu Linga form, representing unified Mahakali, Mahalakshmi, and Mahasaraswati.

Subdeities: Parivara devatas including Naga devatas; nearby Suparshwa Cave (ancient meditation site).

Daily Poojas and Rituals and Their Charges

Timings: Generally 6:00 AM–9:30 PM (Prathabisheka from 6:00 AM; Maha Pooja 12:30–1:00 PM).

Poojas follow Vijayagama Agama: 5 times daily (Usha, Pantheeradi, Ucha, Athazha, Deeparadhana). Unique rituals:

Evening Salaam Pooja (tribute to Hyder Ali/Tipu).
Every Ekadashi: Mrityika Ashtabandana (mud application to Linga).

Free general darshan; nominal charges for personal archana/abhisheka (Rs. 20–200; confirm at counter).

Special Poojas, Sevas and Their Charges

Popular sevas: Chandi Homa/Yagna (frequent), Mrityunjaya Homa, special abhisheka, Friday poojas.

Charges nominal/variable (Rs. 500–5,000+ for homams; book at temple office/phone).

No detailed online list; contact temple for current rates.

Festivals

Annual Brahmotsava/Rathotsava (Chaitra month, March-April): 6-day grand festival starting 3 days before Chaitra Bahula Moola Nakshatra.

Events: Shibhikayanotsava, Pushpaka/Simha Vahanotsava, Brahma Rathotsava (grand chariot), Churnotsava, Kumbhabhishekam.

Tiger (vehicle of Goddess) symbolically visits 7 villages beforehand.

Navaratri, Karthika Deepotsava, Ugadi: Special lighting and poojas.

Weekly Fridays: Vishesha poojas.

Facilities for Devotees Such as Accommodation etc.

Temple Guest Houses: 4 choultry buildings with rooms (basic, clean; nominal/donation-based; book via temple).

Free/simple annaprasadam (meals) especially during festivals/noon.

Parking, prasadam counters.

Donation Info, Bank Acct Numbers etc.

Donations via hundi or office support maintenance, annadana, and festivals.
Contact temple (08259-277221) for bank details (under Muzarai Dept.; tax benefits possible).

Nearby Temples

- Kollur Sri Mookambika Temple (about 50-60 km – major Shakti Peetha).
- Udupi Sri Krishna Matha & Anantheshwara (100 km).
- Mandarthi Durgaparameshwari Temple (nearby Shakti shrine).
- Kateel Durgaparameshwari Temple (farther).

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Suparshwa Cave (ancient sage meditation site near temple).
- Kubja River & confluence (serene dips, nature walks).
- Western Ghats forests (trekking, biodiversity).
- Varahi Backwaters (near Kundapura).
- Kodachadri Peak (trekking, higher altitude views).

Nearby Budget Hotels

- Kamalashile/Kundapura area has basic options (Rs. 800–2,000/night):
- Temple guest houses (preferred for devotees).
- Lodges in Kundapura (35 km): Hotel Hari Prasad, budget stays.
- Homestays/resorts along NH-66.

Any Other Info

Unique: Rare Shakti Linga worship; powerful for overcoming obstacles, health, and moksha.

Dress code: Traditional.

Peaceful vibe; frequent homas for dosha nivarana.

As of December 28, 2025, normal operations; check for Brahmotsava dates.
🙏 Jai Brahmi Durgaparameshwari! May the unified Divine Mother bless you with power, wisdom, wealth, and eternal peace.

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Photos

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YouTube Videos

Kamalashile Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple (8 min):

https://youtu.be/ou0J5o4w_0w?si=myFRgshXWDFlqv0I

Kamalashile Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple (3 min):

https://youtu.be/5LS9wEVzbL4?si=DPOsafghUhK_awV7

Kamalashile Sri Durgaparameshwari Temple (13 min):

https://youtu.be/0JziPdnQDQk?si=SKR1vRAb5hR6dJCI

Kamalashile Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple (3 min):

https://youtu.be/1ghGZAN9NOw?si=hZMx6aJMAOQfoUet

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